

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending in this application. No claims have been canceled. Claims 6-10 have been added. Support for new claims 6-10 is found at page 4, line 19 to page 5, line 16. No new matter has been added by the new claims.


Applicants respectfully request an early and favorable Office Action on the merits.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Kecia Reynolds (Reg. No. 47,021) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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